

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 15, 2012

FROM CITY MANAGER STEVE MCKOWN

The City of Clewiston City Commission is seeking nominations for the annual **Outstanding Community Service Award** to honor an individual who has made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. If you wish to nominate someone in the Clewiston area who deserves recognition, complete the nomination form and return to Marilyn McCorvey at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or call 863-983-1484. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the City's web site. The City Commissioners will recognize the honoree at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner in September. Nominations must be received by August 10, 2012.

Other Dates to Remember:

NOW
June 18, 2012

Summer Camp/Fish Camp Registration
Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Code Enforcement opened nine (9) new cases – five (5) for overgrowth, three (3) for excessive signage and one (1) for construction without obtaining a permit. Also closed seven (7) cases.
- We have been informed that Sav-A-Lot has been sold and that the new owners will be reconfiguring part of the store to install a butcher counter. They have already done this at a couple of other locations where it's working quite well.
- The addition to the fellowship hall at Faith Lutheran Church located at the corner of Saginaw & Cedar is nearing completion. They are excited to have the space to conduct Vacation Bible School next week.

Golf Course Director Pena reports:

- Rain was a threat all weekend, but loss of play was restricted to late afternoons on Friday and Saturday. All drainage boards were pulled to assist with draining the excess water off the course.
- All tees, slopes and fairways have been lowered to .125 inches height-of-cut, as well as being circle cut. The circle cut is like double cutting the fairways to thin them out and promote healthy turf grass conditions.
- The Champion (Bermuda) greens, having been aerified just 3 weeks ago, are in superb shape with nearly 100% coverage. Some of this is a direct result of modifications to the greens complexes completed last year by staff which moved slopes and sand traps further away from the greens themselves to reduce mower damage to the edges. Just for information, the City of Lake Worth voted to fund to

replace their greens at a cost of \$296,000 last week. We did our No-Till greens renovations 3 years ago for less than \$50,000.

- The Golf Masters Point-of-Sale system was used all week with clerks liking the simplicity of the push button Pro Shop management software. Kinks are still being worked on as we are doing most of the setting up ourselves to save costs.
- Twilight Tuesday weekly special continues this spring/summer season. Players and carts are due in by 7:45 p.m. with discount rates of \$15 per person after 3:00 p.m. (no guarantee of 18 holes). Carts are due in by 6:45 p.m. all other days the course is open (closed on Monday).
- The driving range is open for use until 9:00 p.m. daily. Range tokens are available in the Pro Shop or after hours at the PD for 1 for \$3 (small) or 2 for \$5 (large).
- The annual Elks event/tournament is Saturday, June 16th. Contact Elk Fred Thomas for further details and arrangements.

Library Director Tommerdahl reports:

- On Saturday, June 9, local author Yolanda Flournah-Perkins held a book signing in the library from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. There were 12 people who took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet her and get a signed copy of her new book *Consequences*, currently available from standard online retailers like Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers worked diligently on a burglary case last week. The Dive Team assisted by searching a Lake bed for fruits of the crime. In all, the investigation solved two burglaries and discovered stolen items from at least two other old cases. Four people were arrested for burglary and one for dealing in stolen property.
- A routine traffic stop resulted in an arrest for carrying a concealed firearm. This is a disturbing trend that we have seen on the rise in recent months.
- We have received notification from Hendry County Circuit Court that an agreement has been reached between Mr. Mann and Mr. Brannan; and an order issued regarding the Theatre. Effective 12 June 2012, the property lease is revoked and Mr. Mann is awarded possession of the Theatre. All trespass warnings have been dropped and all complaints dismissed.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 993** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 482** Complaints Investigated
 - 17** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 43** Warning Citations Issued
 - 28** Red Light Camera Violations Issued (Trending Down)
 - 9** Criminal Arrests Made
 - 92** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 26** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Summer rain is here and the potholes are showing up. Staff made a run on Monday and Tuesday. It is vital we keep the potholes in control, so please call the Public Works office at 983-1471 and report them as you see them.
- Facility Maintenance was very busy this week, receiving quotes to repair the glass in the City Hall, CPAC Building and the Community Development Building. Plumbing repairs in Field #1 concession stand, wall repair in the Museum and a fresh coat of paint on the fuel tank are just a few of the issues addressed this week.
- Mosquito trap counts are staying low with counts staying under 100 in each of five traps. Our contractor, Doug Wilson, has staff here every day as you have seen the little orange machine running around. They are putting out larvicide, spraying barrier treatments and keeping up with ground spraying. Please be aware that this machine could show up in your back yard and if so, say thanks and share any problems or concerns you may have.
- This year's overlay project has been advertised for bid with an opening scheduled for July 10th. We are planning to pave two miles of streets this time.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Summer Camp, Summer Camp, Summer Camp! Clewiston Recreation Dept. Summer Camp 2012 is in full swing! We are experiencing better than budgeted numbers of campers and are excited for a GREAT Summer Season! You are welcome to stop by and visit with the kids, CIT's and Counselors and join in on a game or two if you like or stay all day, but if you do....you are going to be tired, dirty and hungry when you leave!
- The Clewiston Gamecocks Varsity Team will play host to the Miami Wildcats on Saturday June 16th on Stalls Field (field #1) at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Come out and support the boys!
- C.S. Mott Pool is open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for Community open swim. Pool parties are available Monday thru Saturday after 5:00 p.m. Please call the Youth Center at 983-1492 for more information and to register your party.
- Clewiston Recreation Dept. Fish Camp 2012 - The "Advanced" Fish Camp will take place on July 31st – Aug. 5th and will be by invitation only. The "Beginners" Fish Camp will take place on Aug. 13th – 17th. Cost for each camp will be \$200.00. Registration for the "Beginners" Fish Camp began on-line at on June 1st on a 1st come/1st serve basis...only a few spots are left available! Both camps will be held at Roland Martin's Condo Clubhouse. Check our FB page and website www.clewistonrecreation.com for additional information and registration.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs...And don't forget to friend us on Face book, type in "Clewiston Recreation" and say "Like"...We would appreciate it!

Utilities Director McCarthy reports:

- Last week's wind and lightning storms caused fairly widespread damage to the system. Taking down some lines, shorting out transformers in two different locations, damaging poles at the High School, damaging underground primary at Central Elementary and blowing a lot of fuses. The crews restored most outages within an hour but some were out for several hours while we changed transformers.
- In addition to the storms, most of the crew worked Saturday, through Tuesday with Progress Energy for U.S. Sugar doing substation and feeder repairs. USSC discovered one of their substation transformers was bad and spent Monday and Tuesday replacing it. They are back in full operation.
- Our new bucket truck is having transmission issues and has been sent back to Altec for repairs. They have brought us a loaner to use until they resolve the issue. We were down to one truck for a short period of time.
- The water crew has been working on water meter change outs for the last week as part of the testing program with Honeywell. We are changing 130 meters and are over halfway done; we are still waiting for some of the 2 inch meters that were back ordered. Water losses are a major component of the savings in the performance contract and testing of a representative sample is the critical component to accurately guarantee the results.